

## **44<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Immunology Society Dec15, 2017 AT Nirma University**

### **Report From the Secretary, IIS**

**Board of executives:** Dr. DN Rao,President; Dr. Nibhriti Das, Secretary, Dr. Alpana Sharma, Treasurer, Joint Secretary Dr. Kaustuv Nayak, Vice Presidents: Dr.Satya N Das, North, Dr. Shripad Patil, South, Do Savita Kulkarni, West,Dr. Arindam Bhattacharya,East.

**Members; Executive council:** Dr. Taruna Madan, Dr. SB Anand, Dr.Vandana Pradhan, Dr. Aparanji Poorsarla, Dr. Amit Awasthi,Dr. Madhu Khanna, Dr. Archana Singh Dr. Balakrishnan

**Board meetings :** The national executive meeting had been held on October 2017. Dr. Sarat Dalai was invited to discuss and finalize various aspects of the Immunocon 2017. The meeting was attended by all excepting one member of the executive committee.

In between two NCR executive meetings were held to discuss various emerging issues and also to decide on various IIS activities towards the fulfillment of the Executive committee approved mandates.

### **IIS EC Mandates and activities.**

**Expansion of Education on basic and translational immunology at the resource restricted areas.**

**Day of immunology** had been celebrated by eighteen institutions at different parts of India,between April 28-29, average attendance ranged from 100-300 participants that included school children young researchers and upcoming faculty members. Themes revired around various aspects of translational immunology. The celebrations featured popular public talks and specialized talks by senior immunologists, presentations by young students , quiz competitions and media publicity.

**CMEs** Since March 2017 ,two CMEs had been organized.The organizers were Dr Dr. MK Rasool, VIT, Vellore, Dr. Shakila Mohan : MKU.

**Immunology education talks to resource restricted schools/ colleges** As per decision taken to start as personal initiative by each E member, Dr. Taruna Madan informed that she got involved in such educational talks at Mumbai and is taking regular lectures

### **National workshop on “ Advancement in Immunology”**

Under the aegis of the Indian Immunology Society, the Vallabh bhai chest institute organized the National Workshop on “Advancement in Immunology” (Hands-on Training) on 12-13<sup>th</sup> October,

2017. Prof. Madhu Khanna, Department of Microbiology (Virology) , VPCI was the Organizing Secretary of the workshop. The workshop brought together many eminent speakers to help students in exploring their research and experiment skill. The workshop focused on teaching cutting-edge techniques in research and clinical diagnostics, supported by theoretical classes followed by practical session of basic to advanced techniques including ELISPOT, Flow Cytometry, Stem cell culture etc. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. G.P. Talwar .The workshop had 50 participants , feedback from them was fabulous and indicated the need of many such hand on training programs.

### **Make IIS more visible at the national and international arena.**

Dr. Nibhriti Das continues to be the IUIS Council member

Dr. Shubhada Chiplunkar continues to be the member of the IUIS education committee

Dr. NK Mehra is the co-chair for the IUIS Gender Equality and Career Development (GEC) Committee

Dr. Uma Kanga and Dr. Sunil Arora are serving as IUIS Assembly members . They had been nominated for the post by IIS which had been accepted by IUIS

Dr. Sunil Arora continues as council member FIMSA as had been nominated and recommended by IIS for the term 2015-2018

**Focis** IIS is now an associate member of the FOCIS and is committed to organize the FOCIS associate member symposium on 2018. Dr. Taruna Madan came forward for this challenging task. A proposal had already been submitted to FOCIS which had been accepted Dr. NK Mehra continues as the chairperson of FOCIS- IUIS educational program bursary allocation.

**IUIS** Since 2014, IIS activity calendar is being regularly updated at IUIS. This is making IIS better known as a vibrant society. Subsequently, in the year 2017 , IUIS website has a feature on Indian Immunology society. The update on current events had been submitted by Nov 13, 2017.

**IIS Website** has been updated and remodeled by the team of Dr. Kaustuv, and the website operator. A running flash message was updated requesting all members to send their latest contact details to IIS HQ

2) All members were requested to respond to a mail from the IIS HQ

3) Dr Kaustuv has started calling members in person to check the contact details and request them to update their latest details.

4) Dr Jaikhani has volunteered to help Dr Kaustuv in removing -non existing and in rare cases deceased members

5) A google sheet to capture member details has been updated on the website that automatically makes data on to google sheets when a member inputs the data online.

caption -please update your member details.

With these efforts 50 members updated their details in last two months.

It is also decided to make a list of the members whose mails bounced back. That will be websited with a note of a date line, by which a response remaining unreceived, the name would be deleted from the membership list. However, this is subject to GBM approval.

**Venue of the next Immunocon 2018** will be web sited after the approval at the GBM

**IIS News letter** IIS newsletter will be websited with all the detailed information on IIS activities and achievements and list of the organizers of IIS educational activities.

**Getting younger generation into the fold of Indian Immunology Society** ; Membership drive is on. From Jan 2017 till date 98 new members had been enrolled.

**Encouraging Younger generation to participate at Immunocons** Details of bursaries, awards, fund allocation for educational activities will be detailed in the treasurer's report.

**Minutes of GBM, Immunocon 2016** will be placed for approval by GBM and will be web sited. The pre-approval minutes are visible at the website.

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